

REMARKS

In addition to the remarks included with the Amendment filed on February 5, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following.

Amendment summary

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending.

Claim 13 is amended to depend from independent claim 1. Support for this amendment is found in, e.g., original claim 13 and pages 6-7 of the specification.

No new matter is added by this Amendment, and Applicant respectfully submits that entry of this Amendment is proper.

Request for rejoinder

Applicant notes that the previously withdrawn method claims now depend from the elected product claims. Applicant respectfully submits that rejoinder of the claims is proper because the method claims “depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of the allowable product claims.” See MPEP § 806.05(f), ¶ 8.21.04.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

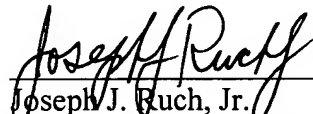
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